THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KTOIARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) As acupuncture is not a part of recognised systems of medicine in this country, we have no authentic information on the subject. The common ailments which can be treated by acupuncture are: Bone and joints disorders eg. Spondilitis, Ostee arthi-cis, Rheumatoidarthritis, Bronchial Asthma, Allergic Rhinitis, Post polio Residual Paralysis (early), Hemiplegia, Facial Paralysis, various forms of Neuralgias, certain type of epilesy, certain psychological disorders, Vas. cular insufficiency e. g. Buerger's •disease 2. The facility for acupuncture is available in many cities of the country, both in the Government as well as in private sector. Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital & University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi, Maulana Azad Medical College, New, Delhi; JIPMER, Pondicherry have regular acupuncture clinics.

Laser beams are now being used in certain situations instead of the needles. This is still in the experimental phase and equipments are being procured at Safdarjung Hospital and G. T. B. Hospital & U. C. M. S.

All India Magftetotherapists Association

275. SHRI P. N. SUKUL; Will the M'nister of HEALTH AND FAMILY "WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when the All India Magneto-therapislts Association was set up and by whom;

(b) what was the number of its k, members when it was set up and their number as on April 1, |1988; and

(c) what contribution the Asso. ciation has so far made to add to the popularity of" magnetotherapy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) to (c) Thi. Ministry are not aware of setting up of such an Association.

Malfunctioning of the Primary Health Centres in U. P.

276. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMLY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3003 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd March, 1988 and state:

(s) whether Governments atten-ion has been drawn to the press report that appjeared in j'tfte "Indian Express" dated the 13th February. 1988 wherein it has been stated that compounders, Ward Boys and Chow-kidars are acting as doctors in about 3P0 Primary Health Centres in Uttar Pradesh attending to patients, prescribing and dispensing medicines and some times even performing operations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is shortage of staff of about four thousands in Government hospitals, dispensaries and Primary Health Centres; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Go-verriment thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The report of the State Government has been called for regarding this matter.

(b) According t_0 information given by the State Government ag on 31. 12. 87 only 1419 posts of medical and paramedical personnel were vacant out of the total sanctioned

strength of 49454 posts in the Primary Health Centres, sub-centres and ether health institutions in the rural area« of U. P. Detailed position about the posts sanctioned, staff % position and posts vacant is given at Statement. (See below).

(c) Question does not arise.

Statement

Medical and Para-medical personnel in the State of Uttar Pradesh

Category	Posts Sanctioned	Staff in position	Posts vacant
	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Doctors at P. H. C	2486	2486	Nil
	1026	1026	Nil
	4656*	4593*	63*
5. Health Assistants (Female/LHV)	27774	3774	Nil
	11547*	11363*	184*
7. Health Workers (female/ANMs)	22022	21135	887
	2228	2228	Nil
		1361*	285*
		69*	Nil*
	49454	48035	1419

♦Figures as on 31-3-1985. AH other figures as on 31-12-1987.

Historical places as National Monument

277. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleasj ed to state:

(a) what are the criteria to declare any historical place as a National Monument;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have received requests to declare the birth place of Veer Sa-varkar at Bhagar, District Nasik, Maharashtra as a National Monument;

(c) if so, whether Government have decide to declare it as na tional Monument; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons? therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EPUCA-* TION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OP HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI); (a) Ancient and historical monuments which are more than 100 years old are assessed on the basis of their archaeological, historical and architectural value for declaration as of national importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, '1958 after taking into consideration other relevant aspects like ownership,, usage and the like.